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Russia:
THE BEAST OF LAKE VOROTA
The following text is a translation and adaption from a story by the
englishman Gordon W. Creighton, who in turn took it from an article t
Dr. S.K. Klumov, who had it published in the scientific magazine Prior
(Nature) in August 1962:
In eastern Siberia there is high mountains and largerly unpopulated
areas. The climate is extremely cold. I´m foremost referring tc
the Sordongnokh tablelands on the Oimyakon plains, not far from the
cold Verkhoyansk. No zoologist or botanist have ever visited this
inhospitable area.
During the Tertiary period this vast region was relatively low situat
according to geologists, and sloped gradually eastwards. The mountai
that was created at the same time, cut off the low area from Lake
Okhotsk and raised it with some thousand meters. On this relatively
new plateau, a few smaller rivers were dammed up by collapsing rock
and created a system of linked lakes".In July 1953 the russian geolog
V.A. Tverdokhlebov came there with a group of prospectors, engaged i
geological investigations of the Sordongnokh tablelands.
A sunny summer´s day they visited Lake Vorota. There was no
wind and the surface was like a mirror. Suddenly Tverdokhleboy and
young collegue, Boris Bashkatov, saw a object in the water about 300
meters from the shore, reflected by the sun. First they thought it wa
an empty oil-barrel, but then they discovered it was alive!.
It swam at high speed towards the shore, right for the place were the
witnesses were standing. The geologists quickly climbed the rocks,